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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski & Commissioners:

The North Shore AFL-CIO supports the merger of T-Mobile and ATT. The merger will mean the expansion of next-generation wireless service to more than 97 percent of Americans, meaning that 55 million more people will have service than currently do. This will mean the end of the 'digital divide' for many underserved people who have not had access to necessary and secure wireless services.

This merger will also mean that thousands of T-Mobile workers will now have the opportunity to win improvements in their lives through union representation. We applaud AT&T for maintaining a neutral position with respect to efforts by its workers to organize a union.

AT&T has been among the highest ranked in the telecommunications industry for its commitment to diversity. It is to be hoped that AT&T's proven record and commitment will "rub off" on the acquired company's culture.

Based on AT&T's commitment to expand its high speed wireless technology to 97% of the U.S. population, this acquisition has the potential to reduce the economic and technological barriers that exist in under-served rural and low-income urban areas.

Sincerely,

Harriet Applegate
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